

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 5, 2007
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; DAN CLAWSON. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS MARCI PALMER, TERRI BRIERE, AND DENIS LAW. COUNCIL CONCUR.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL and COMMANDER DAVID LEIBMAN, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ Boys and girls ages six to fourteen years are invited to test their free throw skills at the Renton Hoop Shoot on February 11 at the Renton Community Center.
- ✧ The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded the City of Renton Fire Department a \$429,420 grant through the Assistance to Firefighters grant program. Grant funds will be used to replace aging personal protective equipment, hoses, and self-contained breathing apparatuses.
- ✧ The main runway of Boeing Field is scheduled to be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. beginning February 6, and continuing through February 8. The closure will allow completion of construction punchlist items, and is weather-dependent. Renton Municipal Airport may experience additional landings and takeoffs during the closure.
- ✧ The City has installed flashing beacon systems and radar speed signs at several area elementary schools, including Talbot Hill, Kennydale, Highlands, and Sierra Heights. The plan is to complete installation at several additional schools during the 2007-2008 school year.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Puckett -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park, Zoning

Jerry Puckett, 15260 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, indicated that Assistant CAO Wine offered to speak at an upcoming Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park community meeting regarding the property's zoning. Additionally, he issued an invitation to the mobile home park's Saturday pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Citizen Comment: Flynn -
Benson Hill Communities
Annexation

James Flynn, 18211 112th Ave. SE, Renton, 98055, stated that the residents of Benson Hill communities have gathered signatures for an annexation petition. He asked Council to accept the petition and adopt a resolution tonight to place the issue of the Benson Hill Communities annexation to Renton on the

November 2007 ballot. Mr. Flynn indicated that Benson Hill communities and Renton are facing times of rapid growth, Renton with commerce and industry and Benson Hill with residential development, which connect the communities. He detailed how the two communities are connected, pointing out that Benson Hill residents work, shop and play in Renton, and he explained why Renton should take action on the issue now. Mr. Flynn noted that any delay raises the risk of increased opposition.

Assistant CAO Wine stated staff's intent to bring the item before Council at its February 12 meeting. She noted that Council has until March 19 to take action on the annexation petition. Ms. Wine indicated that if this goes forward on the February 12 or February 26 Council agenda, it may be possible to place the issue on the November 2007 ballot.

Citizen Comment: Hickling -
Jet Center at Airport

Jan Hickling, 1919 Talbot Rd. S., Renton, 98055, expressed her opposition to the proposed jet center at the Renton Airport. She referred to a publication that indicated that microjets will begin to enter the active fleet in 2006 reaching 4,950 aircraft by 2017. Saying that it is unreasonable to assume a lot of these planes are going to make Renton their home, Ms. Hickling pointed out that the older, loud jets will use the airport. She noted that once the jet center is open, the City will not be able to control the time, height, or the number of jets landing and taking off from the airport. Ms. Hicks voiced her support for leaving the airport the way it is.

Citizen Comment: Hicks -
2006 Comprehensive Plan
Amendments, Kennydale
Blueberry Farm

Barb Hicks, 10402 151st Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, expressed concern pertaining to the notification regarding the Kennydale Blueberry Farm Comprehensive Plan item listed on the Council meeting agenda under Unfinished Business. She stated that a number of parties of record would like to speak on this topic, and the matter should be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding the notification process, and the notification made for the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on February 1 concerning this matter.

Citizen Comment: O'Connor -
2006 Comprehensive Plan
Amendments, Kennydale
Blueberry Farm

William O'Connor, 10402 151st Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, stated that although the Planning and Development Committee report regarding the Kennydale Blueberry Farm Comprehensive Plan amendment was listed on the Council meeting agenda, the related ordinance was not. Therefore, he did not expect that any action on the ordinance would take place this evening. Mr. O'Connor requested that the matter be deferred until the next Council meeting.

Citizen Comment: Gritmit -
Benson Hill Communities
Annexation

Kari Gritmit, 11437 SE 180th Pl., Renton, 98055, voiced support for the annexation of the Benson Hill communities to Renton. She asked that Renton place importance on proper community planning in the area, as there has been a lack of planning by King County in regards to traffic. Ms. Gritmit stated her hope that Renton will want to annex the area, and will also carefully review the area's issues related to zoning, traffic, police, fire, and parks.

Citizen Comment: Stevens -
Airport-Related Noise

Elizabeth Stevens, 353 Taylor Ave. NW, Renton, 98057, expressed her frustration regarding obtaining information concerning the corporate jet noise at the Renton Airport. Ms. Stevens stated that she was provided information that she had previously asked for; however, her request for an additional document has not yet been fulfilled. City Clerk Walton indicated that the matter will be addressed.

Citizen Comment: Harris -
Benson Hill Communities

Kristen Harris, 10945 SE 168th St., Renton, 98055, stated that she is a member of the Benson Hill Communities Progress Group, and pointed out that

Annexation	development will continue to occur in Benson Hill whether the area is annexed or not. She suggested that Renton accept the annexation with the existing King County regulations rather than stall the annexation, and then take the time once the area is annexed to review the zoning.
CONSENT AGENDA	Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
Council Meeting Minutes of 1/22/2007	Approval of Council meeting minutes of 1/22/2007. Council concur.
Community Services: Parks Maintenance Facility Sublease, United Rentals Northwest	Community Services Department recommended approval of a sublease with United Rentals Northwest, Inc. for a temporary Parks Maintenance Facility at 1100 Bronson Way N.; expenditure \$382,691. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Planning: City Code Amends re R-4 Zone & Tree Retention & Animal Regulations	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted City Code amendments pertaining to: R-4 zone development clustering; R-1, R-4, and R-8 zone design standards; tree retention; and animal regulations. Refer to <u>Planning and Development Committee</u> ; set public hearing on 2/26/2007.
EDNSP: Renton Community Marketing Campaign, Hamilton/Saunderson Marketing Partnership	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning (EDNSP) Department recommended approval of a contract with Hamilton/Saunderson Marketing Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for management of the Renton Community Marketing Campaign. (Funding includes: \$85,000 in allocated lodging tax collections and \$65,000 from EDNSP Department business recruitment budget, key stakeholders, and other community agencies, organizations, and businesses.) Council concur.
EDNSP: Renton Visitors Connection Tourism Efforts, Chamber of Commerce	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$125,000 for the Renton Visitors Connection 2007 tourism marketing efforts. (Funded by allocated lodging tax collections in the amount of \$125,000.) Council concur.
Fire: 2006 Flood Damages, WA State Military Department Grant	Fire Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department for a public assistance grant to receive up to 75 percent of the eligible non-insurance covered damages sustained by the City during the 2006 flooding event. Initial damage assessment is \$5,019,233. Council concur.
Human Resources: 2007 Claims Processing, Healthcare Management Administrators	Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval of the 2007 administrative services agreement and fee schedule for City employee medical, dental, and prescription claims processed by Healthcare Management Administrators, Inc. and Prescription Card Services/Caremark. Council concur.
Human Resources: Reclassifications (Eight Positions)	Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended reclassification of eight positions, including: Payroll Analyst, Museum Supervisor, Community Relations Specialist, Grounds Equipment Mechanic, Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic I, Lead Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic, Secretary I, and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate. Refer to <u>Finance Committee</u> .
Latecomer Agreement: Wyman, Sewer Extension (SE	Technical Services Division requested final approval of the 15-year latecomer agreement submitted by Kevin Wyman for sewer main extension along SE

132nd St), LA-05-003	132nd St., and requested authorization to finalize the agreement per City Code. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
Transportation: 2007 Citywide Walkway Study, Mirai Associates	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Mirai Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$75,849 for the 2007 Citywide Comprehensive Walkway Study. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
CAG: 06-124, 2006 Citywide Sidewalk, Dennis R Craig Construction	Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-06-124, 2006 Citywide Sidewalk; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$22,187.58, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$19,882.36 to Dennis R. Craig Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Transportation: FlexPass Program, King County & Sound Transit & Pierce Transit	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with King County, Sound Transit, and Pierce Transit to continue the FlexPass Commute Trip Reduction Program for City employees in the amount of \$22,770 for 2007-2008. Council concur.
Transportation: 108th Ave SE/SE 168th St Intersection Improvements, King County	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with King County regarding cost sharing of the improvements to the intersection of 108th Ave. SE and SE 168th St. (Benson Rd. S. and S. 31st St.). City cost share for construction limited to \$312,000 plus in-kind services. Council concur. (See page 34 for resolution.)
Transportation: I-405 (I-5 to SR-169) Stage 1 Widening, WSDOT	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation defining roles and responsibilities for the design, construction, and operation of the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
CAG: 06-141, May Creek Bank Stabilization Edmonds Ave Outfall Replacement, Fury Construction	Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-06-141, May Creek Bank Stabilization at Edmonds Ave. Outfall Storm Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$10,875, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retainage bond in the amount of \$6,953 to Fury Construction, LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
CAG: 06-007, Utility Rates & System Development Charges Study, Financial Consulting Solutions Group	Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #3 to CAG-06-007, contract with Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. for comprehensive study and analysis of utility rates and system development charges, which increases the project budget by \$9,580 and extends the contract to 12/31/2007. Council concur. Responding to Councilmember Persson's inquiry regarding the afore-mentioned consent agenda item pertaining to the utility rates and systems development charges study, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Zimmerman explained that the contract addendum adds items not in the original scope of the contract such as rate design, and an improved conservation program for the rate structure that involves the possibility of imposing a block structure that is different than the City's current block structure.
	MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Community Services: Henry
Moses Aquatic Center Fees

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Henry Moses Aquatic Center fees for 2007, including daily fees, passes, swim lessons, group rates, canopy rentals, school parties, and private rentals. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding the fees be presented for first reading. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 34 for ordinance.)

CAG: 05-165, NE Sunset
Blvd/Duvall Ave NE
Intersection Improvements,
Sanders General Construction,
Fund Transfer

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to transfer \$430,000 from the 2007 Duvall Ave. Widening Project to the construction phase of the NE Sunset Blvd. (SR-900)/Duvall Ave. NE Intersection Improvements Project. The Committee also recommended that Change Order 1 to the intersection improvements project contract (CAG-05-165) with Sanders General Construction Company be approved in order to perform additional work necessary to complete the project, to extend the completion date by 21 working days, and to increase the construction contract cost by \$157,132.51.

The Committee further recommended that the budget amendment for this matter be presented as part of the 2006 Carry Forward Ordinance. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services
Committee

Appointment: Library Board

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Mayor Keolker's appointment of Amy Pieper to the Library Board for a term expiring 6/1/2012. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Mayor Keolker's appointment of Britt Peterson to the Municipal Arts Commission for an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2009.*

Councilmember Corman introduced Ms. Peterson who was present in the audience.

*MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Initial
Infiltration/Inflow Reduction,
King County

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the utilities cooperation agreement with King County for the Initial Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Project, which allows King County to implement flow reduction repairs within a portion of Renton's sewer service area. The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City be authorized to execute the agreement. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 34 for resolution.)

Planning & Development
Committee
Comprehensive Plan: 2006
Amendments, Kenneydale

Planning and Development Committee Vice Chair Clawson announced that the Kenneydale Blueberry Farm Comprehensive Plan amendment item will be reported out at the next Council meeting.

Blueberry Farm

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3853

Transportation: 108th Ave SE/SE 168th St Intersection Improvements, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with King County regarding the improvements to the intersection of 108th Ave. SE and SE 168th St. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3854

Utility: Initial Infiltration/Inflow Reduction, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a utilities cooperation agreement between the City of Renton and King County to allow King County to perform an Initial Infiltration/Inflow Reduction Project within a portion of Renton's system. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/12/2007 for second and final reading:

Community Services: Henry Moses Aquatic Center Fees

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-1-7, Aquatic Center Admission Fees, of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by setting 2007 rates and fees for the Henry Moses Aquatic Center. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/12/2007. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning: Sonics Arena in North Renton

Referring to the potential siting of an arena for the Seattle Sonics professional basketball team in Renton, Councilmember Persson stated for the record that the Council, Mayor, and City staff have not made any promise to the Sonics to use new or existing City revenue sources or other assets if they relocate to Renton. Mayor Keolker confirmed that the City has not made any assurances to the Sonics. She stressed that Council will be kept informed of any developments.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Puckett - Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park

Jerry Puckett, 15260 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, resident of the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park, said that residents try to get along with the owner of the park since they are trying to purchase the park. He noted that the mobile home park's situation has received attention from the media. He further noted that six of the park's residents recently went to Olympia to attend State legislative hearings regarding the topic of mobile home parks.

Citizen Comment: Flynn - Benson Hill Communities Annexation

In response to the inquiry of James Flynn, 18211 112th Ave. SE, Renton, 98055, as to why his correspondence was not listed on the Council meeting agenda, Councilmember Corman requested that the letter be read into the record.

A letter was read from James Flynn, Benson Hill Communities Progress Group Member, 18001 113th Ave. SE, Renton, 98055, stating that King County has certified enough petition signatures to annex Benson Hill Communities to Renton. He requested that this matter be part of the City Council meeting agenda on 2/5/2007. Additionally, he requested that the task force assigned to this matter include significant representation from the Benson Hill Communities Progress Group, and that the land use review be assigned high

priority.

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry as to the timing of the annexation, Mr. Flynn noted the deadlines set throughout the annexation process, and the need to address the matter this evening in order to achieve placement of the issue on the November 2007 ballot.

Assistant CAO Wine confirmed that Council received an annexation petition with a sufficient number of signatures. From the date of receipt, Council has 60

days to act, which is until March 19. She stated that it may be possible to meet the November 2007 election date if the matter is brought before Council for its consideration by the end of February or early March.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:04 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
February 5, 2007